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AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 2260

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PUERTO RICO

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1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL (A), EMBASSY RAISED PROBLEM OF PUERTO RICO AT SEVERAL LEVELS WITH GOZ: DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENCY, BISENGIMANA, FONAFFS ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL NZEZA AND ZITU, HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL DIVISION. POINTS CONTAINED REFTELS AND US CONCERN OVER QUESTION WERE STRESSED ON EACH OCCASION. REACTION TO APPROACHES WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE, ALTHOUGH NO ONE KNEW POSITION TAKEN BY ZAIRE REPRESENTATIVE ON PARA 85 AT TIME OF COORDINATING GROUPS'S DISCUSSION OR AT ADOPTION OF FINAL DOCUMENT IN LIMA. BOTH BISENGIMANA AND NZEZA EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR US POSITION AND DANGEROUS PRECEDENT CUBAN INITIATIVE COULD CREATE. THEY INDICATED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN AGREEING WITH US, GIVEN ZAIRE'S OWN ATTITUDE ON "SECESSION" MOVEMENTS. NEITHER, HOWEVER, GAVE CATEGORICAL ASSURANCES. NZEZA PROMISED LOOK INTO MATTER.

2. IN EARLY DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, ZITU EXPRESSED VIEWS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF NZEZA AND BISENGIMANA. IN SUBSEQUENT

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CONVERSATION, HE SAID THAT HE WAS LOOKING INTO MATTER AND

SEEKING CLARIFICATION FROM DELEGATE WHO ATTENDED CONFERENCE
BUT WHO NOT IN TOWN. ZITU NEVERTHELESS DOUBTED THAT ZAIRE
HAD PARTICIPATED IN DEBATE ON PUERTO RICO AT NON-ALIGNED
MEETING SINCE DELEGATION DID NOT HAVE PRECISE INSTRUCTIONS
COVERING ISSUE. GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, REPRESENTATIVE
NOT LIKELY TO HAVE TAKEN A POSITION. WHEN PRESSED ABOUT
ATTITUDE GOZ WOULD TAKE AT PRELIMINARY SESSIONS AND
AT COLOMBO, ZITU REPLIED QUESTION NOW UNDER EXAMINATION AND
SAID HE WOULD LET EMBOFF KNOW WHEN DECISION MADE.
COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE MATTER UNTIL
DEFINITIVE ANSWER FORTHCOMING.
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